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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The Application of: Simon Gerard HARDIN et al

Serial No.: 09/988579

Group Art Unit: 1762

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For: PROCESS AND SOLUTION FOR PROVIDING A
CONVERSION COATING ON A METALLIC SURFACE II

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Sir:

In response to the Official Letter mailed March 18, 2003, kindly enter the below set forth remarks in this application.

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has restricted the claims in this application into three groups, which groups are set forth in page 2 of the Official Letter. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-21 and 33-40 inclusive drawn to the aqueous acidic solution and liquid concentrate solution. This election is made without traverse and early and favorable action on the elected claims is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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